

T O R R A N C E

Press Release

Police Department

Forensic Laboratory

Grand Opening

October 30, 2013

2:30 pm



On Wednesday, October 30, 2013, from 2:30-3:30 pm, the *Torrance Police Department* will unveil their newest addition to the police facility as their Forensic Laboratory will officially be open for business.

Construction to the laboratory began in January of this year where several offices and meeting rooms were demolished to make way for what is now a "state of the art" forensic facility.

The new lab will allow Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) personnel to process evidence more efficiently, either from DNA and/or fingerprint samples collected at crime scenes.

The lab will also benefit Torrance investigations as it allows FIS personnel to better prioritize evidence and process each case more efficiently using the latest equipment.

Since the FIS unit was civilianized in February of 2010, they have responded to nearly 4,500 calls for service, collected nearly 1,000 DNA samples and collected latent prints in over 3,000 cases. More than 117,000 latent print comparisons have been completed and more than 4,000 latent prints have been identified.

Also, there has been an approximate 400% increase in the submission and identification of evidence and since 2010 there has been more than 500 suspects identified.

Opening statements by members of the Command Staff and a walking tour of the laboratory will begin at 2:30 pm with refreshments being served after the tour.

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